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Mr. William D. Conklin
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Dear Mr. Conklin:

Let me begin by apologizing for the considerable delay in responding to your inquiry regarding the installation of a bust of Clara Barton in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. This current phase of our revitalization project at the Hall of Fame is both very exciting and very time-consuming as you might imagine. I will go into greater detail regarding the components of this phase in future correspondence, but first I want to assure you that we are very interested in completing the installations of those five members elected to the Hall of Fame in the 1973 and 1976 balloting - Clara Barton among them.

In fact, it is our intention to initiate campaigns to underwrite the commissioning of busts of these five - Louis Brandeis, Franklin Roosevelt, Luther Burbank, Andrew Carnegie and Clara Barton - before opening elections of new members, and would be delighted to establish a relationship with Clara Barton Chapter Number One of the American Red Cross in this effort. Perhaps our combined efforts will serve to identify funds sufficient to commission a bust and to underwrite costs of a formal dedication. We would very much appreciate your introduction to the chapter's director to facilitate this venture. I would also be interested in borrowing a copy of your book, Clara Barton and Dansville, and will attempt to secure it on loan from either library as you suggest.

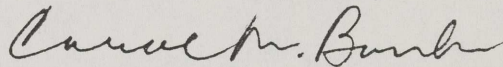
I will be in contact with Mr. Kornbau by copy of this letter regarding his bust of Barton; we would be delighted to invite him to visit the Hall of Fame or to send a representative to Dansville to discuss what possibilities exist for sharing resources and joining our forces.

As for your references to Professor Roscoe Brown of Columbia University and University of Rochester, I must report that a kinship with President Roscoe Brown is not apparant. The President, Dr. Roscoe Conkling Brown, Jr., is the son of Dr. Roscoe Conkling Brown, Sr., of Washington, D.C. and grandson of John Brown, also of Washington, D.C. Dr. Brown is nonetheless intrigued with the coincidence.

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I thank you for your continued interest in the activities of the Hall of Fame and in helping us to honor our commitments to Clara Barton and her admirers, and intend that we shall pursue this interest straight through to the dedication ceremony. Many thanks as well to your very thoughtful sister for her assistance in transmitting your inquiry. I look forward to our next correspondence.

Sincerely,



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for Great Americans

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Roger Kornbau